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SUBJECT: STATUS OXIMAURITANIAN STEEL MILL

REF: KUWAIT 1311

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON PROPYEJSTEEL MILL PROJECT IS CONTAINED IN NOUAKCHOTT 2022 OF 12-24-74 AND NOUAKCHOTT A-65 OF 12-2-74 (AIRGRAM NOT SENT KUWAIT). SUMMARIZING, AMERICAN COMPANY, H.K. FERGUSON, HAS SUBMITTED FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR INTEGRATED STEEL MILL AT NOGXHERN PORT TOWN OF NOUADHIBOU. FERGUSON RECOMMENDED PLANT WITH CAPACITY OF 500#00 TONS. GIRM DESIRES PLANT WITH ULTIMATE CAPACITY OF 1,000,000 TONS. IT IS ESTIMATED MPKWIG COST IN RANGE OF 800 MILLION DOLLARS.

2. KUWAITI-MAURITANIAN METALS COMPANY WAS FORMED FOR PURPOSE OF LOCATING FUNDS FOR INVESTING IN STEEL MILL PROJECT AND MAURITANIAN COPPER INDUSTRY. AT THIS POINT, IT IS STRICTLY COMMERCIAL OPERATION. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL IN MINISTRY OF PLAN AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, NO INVESTORS HAVE YET BEEN FOUND OTHER THAN KUWAITI. GIRM IS OPTIMISTIC, HOWEVER, THAT ADDITIONAL INVESTORS WILL COME FORWARD.

3. ULTIMATELY, PRODUCTION WILL BE DESIGNED FOR EXPORT, POSSIBLY INCLUDING EXPORTATION TO KUWAIT. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY KUWAIT, HOWEVER, THAT OVER LONG TERM KUWAIT WILL MOST PROBABLY

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